

## BAD FIRE NEAR WESTERLY

**\$200,000 Loss Through Gasoline Explosion at Hope Valley—Plant of Nichols & Langworthy Destroyed—Dead Body in Adjoining Cottage Hurriedly Saved from Cremation—Pawcatuck Continues Wrestling Matches—Change in Library Hours.**

Information reached Westerly Monday afternoon that the big plant of the Nichols & Langworthy Machine company at Hope Valley was in flames and appeal was made to Samuel G. Cottrell, chief of the Westerly fire department, for assistance, there being no regularly organized department at that place. While the chief was willing to render assistance, it was deemed impracticable under the conditions. Hope Valley is thirteen miles distant, and no speedy arrangement could be made for railroad transportation, Hope Valley being off the main line and on the Wood River branch westward. Therefore it would be necessary to haul a steam fire engine by horses the entire distance, and a four-horse hitch would be necessary. There would be delay in getting such a team, and it would be at least four hours before the steamer could reach the scene of the fire, and by that time there would be no need for service. Therefore Chief Cottrell did not consider it advisable to attempt to render assistance.

The dock engines, the invention of Herman Dock of Westerly, were manned at the Nichols & Langworthy plant, but of late but little business was being done by the concern. A number of the dock engines were sent to Hope Valley in automobiles and others left here on the 2.15 train. The fire was caused by an explosion of gasoline in the engine department, in a wooden building, alongside the main brick structure, and in a brief period the big machine shop was a mass of flames and became a total loss. In the rear of the main building the boiler house and pumping station were located and streams of water were put on the fire, doing effective service for a time, but soon the pressure became reduced and there was but very little force to the streams.

Within an hour the brick building was in ruins and all the valuable machinery destroyed. The building where the fire originated there were fifty big Dock engines set up and almost ready for delivery, and these, too, were destroyed.

A strong southwest wind prevailed and the fire reached the main building and the old wooden mill structure near by out of existence. The old two-story boarding house owned by the company was also totally destroyed. The loss to this house was the cottage of Mrs. George Kenyon, who died there Sunday, and the body was found in the house. The fire did not make almost superhuman effort to save this structure and succeeded. The house caught fire several times and finally the body was removed, fearing that the house would be burned.

The buildings consumed by the fire were the main brick factory, the gasoline engine structure, the tenement house and a barn. There was fear that the houses in that section of the village would all be destroyed and from many the household effects were removed as a precautionary measure. The old Owen mill building on the Richmond side of the river caught fire from the floating embers, but was protected by the fire fighting apparatus connected with that plant. For a distance of a mile houses were endangered and the roof of the Locustville mill, half a mile distant, took fire and was burning briskly when discovered. It was extinguished, however, before serious damage resulted. The loss is estimated at \$200,000, and is partially insured.

The protest of the ministers of Westerly against the holding of wrestling matches in the adjoining town of Stonington, although argumentative and very nicely worded, has evidently had no effect upon the Stonington authorities or the men who manage these sporting events in the village of Pawcatuck. Cards announcing a wrestling match between Jim Barnes of Springfield and Bill Collins, champion of Connecticut, have been posted in conspicuous places in Westerly, where the protesting ministers, as well as those who are not opposed, can readily read. This latter class objects to the protest of Westerly people, claiming that it would be well for them to regulate the affairs of their own town before dictating the conduct of matters in a town of which they are no part.

In order to better accommodate the reading public of this section, beginning Thursday of the present week there will be a change of hours in the circulating department of the Westerly public library. The library will be open for business continuously from 9.30 a. m. to 9 p. m. on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays, and from 10 a. m. to 9 p. m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Heretofore the circulating department was opened at 10 a. m. and closed from 1 to 2, and from 6 to 7, on evenings when the department was open.

The building proper and reading room has always been open from 9 a. m. to 9.30 p. m., and these same hours will be maintained.

It is the intention of the board of trustees and Librarian Perkins to gradually improve the already excellent service of the Westerly public library.

Judge Oliver H. Williams, grand exalted ruler and district deputy, will install these officers of Westerly lodge of Elks this (Wednesday) evening. Louis E. Barbour, exalted ruler; Charles S. Collins, esteemed leading knight; Robert E. Mahoney, esteemed loyal knight; Joseph Mahoney, esteemed lecturing knight; Joseph L. Leitch, secretary; John B. Johns, treasurer; Daniel J. Whalen, outside guard; Martin H. Spellman, trustee. After the installation there will be a social session.

At the annual meeting of Christ Episcopal church corporation vestrymen for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Edwin Babcock, William Hoxsie, Orville Stillman, H. H. Babcock.

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Refreshments of ham, tongue, chicken and Swiss sandwiches, olives, cake, ice cream and coffee were served in an adjoining room.

**BAPTIST MINISTERS**  
Hold County Association Meeting on Tuesday.

The New London County Baptist Ministers' association met at the Baptist church on Tuesday with sixteen ministers present. Rev. Joseph Elder of New London, the president, presided. The paper in the morning was read by Evangelist C. C. Luther, his subject being Twentieth Century Evangelism. Dinner was served by the ladies at noon. In the afternoon there was a discussion of the morning's paper, with answers by the audience.

Bertrand Huard of Danielson is spending the week with Donna Balleu. Fertilizer at George Labonne's, Jr., for prices, bone ash and potash \$30, potato and vegetable \$33, corn and grain \$30, acidulated fish \$25. Above prices for cash. With credit to Nov. 1, \$1.00 extra—adv.

**TAFTVILLE.**  
Many Relatives and Friends Attend Wedding of William Cocker and Miss Katharine Wieland.

Many relatives and friends were gathered together at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Wieland of the Billsville road, Lisbon, on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock when their daughter, Miss Katharine Margaret Wieland, became the wife of William Cocker of Central avenue, Greenville. In the handsomely decorated parlor the simple yet impressive marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Donald B. MacLane, pastor of the Taftville Congregational church.

The bride was charming in a gown of white silk and carried a bouquet of white roses. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Eva Wieland, as bridesmaid, who was attired in a pink gown and carried carnations. Martin Seidel, a cousin of the bride, filled the place of best man.

After the ceremony, amid a shower of congratulations, the bride and groom held an informal reception, and the hours of the afternoon and evening passed quickly. Mr. and Mrs. Cocker received many useful and valuable gifts.

The bride is a young lady who is well known in Taftville and vicinity, and whose charms have made her esteemed by a host of friends. She is a member of the Ladies' Shooting club. Mr. Cocker has spent most of his life in Philadelphia, where his parents now live. For the past seven years he has lived in Greenville, and has been employed in the United States Finishing company. He is a member of the Greenville Hook and Ladder company and of the Hugh H. Osgood lodge, I. O. O. F. of Taftville.

Mr. and Mrs. Cocker will make their residence in a newly furnished house in Libon, adjoining the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wieland.

**Personals.**  
Lisbon farmers have taken advantage of the early spring and have already plowed extensively.

Workmen of the Poncah company are engaged in the annual spring cleaning of the village streets.

Miss Austeria Maurice of Norwich and Fred Chatter of Taftville were visitors in Williamsville Monday night.

Owners of boats along the shores of the Billsville pond in Lisbon are getting them out and repairing them for the coming season. One owner has painted his rowboat a light blue, which gives a very pleasing effect.

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